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1. GATT COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18 FOR ONE YEAR AS REPORTED REFTELS. JUST ABOUT EVERYONE IN COUNCIL, RESPONDING TO COORDINATION EFFORTS BY PATTERSON OF SECRETARIAT, SUPPORTED GROUP. NO OPPOSITION VOICED. U.S. SAID GROUP WORTH TRYING FOR ONE YEAR AND COULD BE USEFUL FOR CONSULTING ON TRADE ISSUES AND COORDINATING WITH IMF; OCCASIONALLY GROUP MAY WISH SUGGEST ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S OR CP'S ATTENTION.

2. FOLLOWING QUALIFYING REMARKS ARE OF INTEREST. EGYPT SAID AFTER ONE YEAR PROCESS OF GATT/IMF COORDINATION MIGHT BE BROADENED TO OTHER FORA OPERATING IN FIELD, SUCH AS BANK OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS. EC, APPARENTLY SENSITIVE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OWN HUGE REPRESENTATION, NOTED THEY ACCOUNT FOR 40 PERCENT

OF CP TRADE AND WHILE THEY WILL SPEAK THROUGH ONE
SPOKESMAN, ALL NINE WILL BE PRESENT. INDIA, JAMAICA,
POINTED TO REQUIREMENT OF GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO
LDC PROBLEMS. POLAND PROFESSED "WAIT-AND-SEE" ATTITUDE
ON WHETHER GROUP WOULD USURP COUNCIL ROLE AND NOTED NEED TO TAKE
ACCOUNT OF VIEWS OF ALL CP'S. ABRAMS

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